

Whereas, the Reverend and Mrs. John Modest Miles will be feted at the Sixteenth Pastoral Appreciation Services to be held by Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City on Sunday, April 27, 2003; and

Whereas, utilizing the theme of "A Man of God Doing God's Will", the Sixteenth Pastoral Appreciation Services will be a commemoration of the ongoing spiritual and community-minded endeavors of Pastor and Mrs. John Miles; and

Whereas, the Reverend John Miles is Chaplain of the Kansas City Police Department; Vice President-at-Large of the Missouri Missionary Baptist State Convention; member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, Congress of Christian Education; Board Member of Western Baptist Bible College, Arkansas Baptist College, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and Affiliated Trusts, Heart of America United Way, Health Midwest Partners for Change, and KC 150; member of MOVE UP; member of National Laymen Movement; past Governmental Affairs Liaison for the National Baptist Convention; and past member of the Americans for Change presidential task force; and

Whereas, the Reverend John Miles also served as General Chairman of the National Baptist Convention which was held in Kansas City in 1998, a role he will reprise as host of the 2003 Convention; and

Whereas, inauguration speaker for Governor Bill Clinton in 1979, Pastor John Miles met with President Nelson Mandela in South Africa in 1994, organized and hosted a task force of governmental agencies to present programs and strategies to clergy in Kansas and Missouri in 1994, and earned "One Hundred Most Influential African-Americans in Kansas City" status in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998; and

Whereas, the Reverend John Miles deserves special mention of his successful involvement of judges, attorneys, doctors, county officials, police, and other civic leaders in the Annual Community Awareness Day:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the good works and spiritual calling undertaken by Pastor John Miles of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he and his beloved wife are honored at the Sixteenth Pastoral Appreciation Services; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend and Mrs. John Modest Miles.

Offered by _____
Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
District No. 42

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2171, adopted April 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker